

**Request for Comments**  
**USDA Forest Service**  
**Rocky Mountain Region**  
**Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &**  
**Thunder Basin National Grassland**  
**Laramie, Wyoming**

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB) is requesting comments on the Invasive Plant Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS discloses the environmental effects of four alternatives designed to treat invasive plant species on the two forests and the national grassland.

The proposed project is subject to 36 C.F.R. 218 – Project-level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process. Because the proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA), it is subject to 36 C.F.R. 218, Subparts A and B only. Only individuals or organizations who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection. Opportunity for public comment on a DEIS includes request for comments during scoping, the 40 C.F.R. 1506.10 comment period, or other public involvement opportunities where written comment are requested by the responsible official. (36 C.F.R. 218.5(a))

This project was originally scoped under the provisions of 36 C.F.R. 215. For this project, individuals or organizations who submitted written comments in response to scoping conducted under 36 C.F.R. 215 will be considered to have standing to object under

36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Those individuals or organizations that did not provide written comments during scoping must provide specific written comments (as defined in 36 C.F.R. 218.2) on the DEIS in order to have standing to object. The opportunity to comment on the DEIS ends 45 days after EPA publishes the notice of availability (NOA) in the Federal Register (36 C.F.R. 218.25(a)(2)). We expect the NOA to be published on March 21, 2014. For this project, the responsible official does not anticipate requesting written comments through any additional public involvement opportunities. Comments submitted by individuals or organizations must have evidence of timely submission, as defined by 36 C.F.R. 218.25(a)(4), and meet the following requirements outlined in 36 C.F.R. 218.25(a)(3):

- Name and postal address (Email recommended but not required).
- Title of the proposed project or activity.
- Specific written comments as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 regarding the proposed project of activity, along with supporting reasons.
- Signature or other verification of identity upon request and identification of the individual or entity who authored the comments. For comments listing multiple entities or multiple individuals, a signature or other means of verification must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each entity and for each individual in the case of multiple names. A scanned signature or other means of verifying the identity of the individual or entity representative may be used for electronically submitted comments.
- Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments to establish personal eligibility; comments received on behalf of an entity are considered as those of the entity only.

The responsible official for this project is the Forest Supervisor of the MBRTB. Written comments may be submitted to the responsible official via the following methods:

Mailed to:

Forest Supervisor  
Invasive Plants DEIS  
2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, WY 82070

Hand delivered to:

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests  
2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, WY 82070  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. during  
winter)

Faxed to:

(307) 745-2398  
ATTN: Forest Supervisor  
Invasive Plants DEIS

E-mailed to:

[comments-rocky-mountain-medicine-bow-laramie@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-rocky-mountain-medicine-bow-laramie@fs.fed.us)

Please put "Comments: Invasive Plants DEIS" in the subject line. An automated response should confirm your electronic comment has been received. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software and be searchable.

Copies of the DEIS are available at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/mbr/landmanagement/projects>. These documents are also

available in other formats upon request. For more information or questions concerning this project or the comment process, please contact Melissa Martin at (307) 745-2371 or Misty Hays at (307) 358-7102.